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In re Application of :  
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Filed: August 31, 2001 : Examiner:  
For: APPARATUS FOR DEHYDRATING AND CONSOLIDATING AN OPTICAL FIBER  
PREFORM AND METHOD OF THE SAME

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Washington, DC 20231

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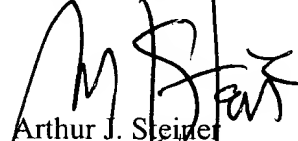
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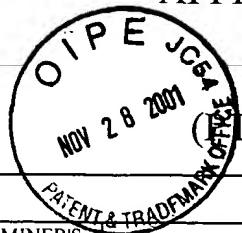
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